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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In reply to the Examiner's Action that was mailed in the above-captioned case on August 9, 2000, applicant submits the following Amendment and Remarks.

## **AMENDMENT**

Kindly amend the application as follows.

In the Claims:

1. (Amended) A method of treating or preventing cancer, cardiovascular disease,